1   1.   A method of displaying an image, comprising:

2   at a television set-top box, receiving an image from a video camera;

3   at the television set-top box, formatting the image for display of the image

4   on a selected display to produce a formatted image; and

5   transmitting the formatted image from the television set-top box to an

6   address for the selected display.

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8   2.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the selected display comprises

9   a display of a portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.

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11   3.   The method according to claim 2, wherein the portable wireless electronic

12   Internet-enabled appliance comprises a wireless telephone.

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14   4.   The method according to claim 2, wherein the portable wireless electronic

15   Internet-enabled appliance comprises a personal digital assistant.

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17   5.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the address comprises one of a

18   telephone number, an email address and a universal resource locator for a portable

19   wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.

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21   6.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the image comprises one of a still

22   image, a full motion image and a reduced frame rate image.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the image comprises one of a color image and a black and white image.

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the image comprises one of a JPEG still image, and an MPEG full motion image.

9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the formatting comprises reformatting a JPEG image for a reduced frame size.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the formatting comprises reformatting a MPEG image for a reduced frame size.

11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising retrieving display parameters from a database indexed from the address, and wherein the formatting is carried out in accordance with the display parameters.

1   12.   A method of displaying an image, comprising:

2   at a television set-top box, receiving a color JPEG image from a video

3   camera;

4   retrieving display parameters from a database indexed from a target

5   address;

6   at the television set-top box, formatting the image for display of the image

7   on a selected display by reformatting the JPEG image for a reduced frame size to

8   produce a formatted image in accordance with the display parameters, wherein the

9   selected display comprises a display of a portable wireless electronic Internet-

10   enabled appliance

11   transmitting the formatted image from the television set-top box to an

12   address for the selected display, wherein the address comprises one of a

13   telephone number, an email address and a universal resource locator for a portable

14   wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.

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16   13.   The method according to claim 12, wherein the portable wireless electronic

17   Internet-enabled appliance comprises a wireless telephone.

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19   14.   The method according to claim 12, wherein the portable wireless electronic

20   Internet-enabled appliance comprises a personal digital assistant.

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1   15.   A set-top box, comprising:

2   an interface for receiving an image from a video camera;

3   a programmed processor operatively coupled to the interface that formats

4   the image for display of the image on a selected display to produce a formatted

5   image; and

6   transmitting means for transmitting the formatted image from the television

7   set-top box to an address for the selected display.

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9   16.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the selected display

10   comprises a display of a portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.

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12   17.   The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the portable wireless

13   electronic Internet-enabled appliance comprises a wireless telephone.

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15   18.   The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the portable wireless

16   electronic Internet-enabled appliance comprises a personal digital assistant.

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18   19.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the address comprises one

19   of a telephone number, an email address and a universal resource locator for a

20   portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.

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1   20.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the image comprises one of

2   a still image, a full motion image and a reduced frame rate image.

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4   21.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the image comprises one of

5   a color image and a black and white image.

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7   22.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the image comprises one of

8   a JPEG still image, and an MPEG full motion image.

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10   23.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the programmed processor

11   carries out the formatting by reformatting a JPEG image for a reduced frame size.

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13   24.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the programmed processor

14   carries out the formatting by reformatting an MPEG image for a reduced frame size.

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16   25.   The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the transmitting means

17   comprises a modem.

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19   26.   The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the modem comprises a cable

20   modem.

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1   26.   The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a real time clock

2   coupled to the programmed processor, and wherein the interface receives an

3   image for transmission whenever the real time clock reaches a designated time.

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5   27.   The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a database

6   associating display parameters with the address, and wherein the formatting is

7   carried out in accordance with the display parameters.